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In response to the office action dated April 9, 2002, in the above-identified application, the following remarks are filed. Claims 1-12 are under consideration.

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REMARKS

Applicants' invention as recited by claims 1-12 provides a method and system for the delivery of broadcast radio programs via the Internet. Means are provided by which commercials present in the program material, as originally generated at a radio station, may be identified and replaced by substitute commercials inserted by an Internet hosting service. The Internet's bidirectional and individual connectivity allows selection and transmission of replacement commercials that are of particular interest or relevance to a particular user. Demographic information characterizing the user may be maintained and used as a basis for this selection.

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